Colleagues,

I hope you are faring well and staying safe and healthy. It's still strange to be at home and away from all of you and our students. And despite knowing that the dorms might be used to expand our community's hospital capacity, it was jarring to see photos of students moving out of South Village to actually make that plan a reality. At this time, I would encourage you to stay connected with each other. We are a strong community. However, if you are struggling, you are not alone. Please let us know what you need.

A few updates from around the College and University. First, more breaking news on Summer session. Based on guidance from our System Office, we are moving second Summer session online. If you are teaching the second half of Summer, you will be contacted about this soon (if this has not already happened).

Second, early next week, you can also expect news from the Provost regarding extending the clock for RPT decisions for tenure track faculty. Please keep an eye out for her message.

Third, the Belk College is ramping up our virtual communication with current and prospective students. This week, we launched a new video message series. The first video urged students to submit their questions to us through an online form. The questions will be answered in future videos and on the Belk College’s Twitter and Instagram pages. I do have one request. The External Relations Team is looking for examples to show how, despite social distancing, we are staying connected with our students and with each other. If you have examples or photos, I encourage you to share them with Jay Davis, executive director of External Relations, at jay.davis@uncc.edu. We'll be sharing those on our social media channels and website.

Finally, a reason to celebrate. Click here for a video revealing the Belk College Staff Member of the Year Award.

Enjoy your weekend!

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